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(*d*) whether it is a fact that several complaints were received against the Vellore Devasthanam Committee and whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board had to interfere on several occasions; and

(*e*) whether Government will call for a report on the working of the Vellore Devasthanam Committee?

A.—(*a*) Under the rules issued under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has to submit a review of the administration of temple committees along with its administration report.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 499 on the 10th October 1928.

(*d*) The information available is that the committee was not working satisfactorily mainly owing to want of funds.

(*e*) The Vellore Circle Temple Committee has been abolished and a new committee has been constituted for the North Arcot district from 21st August 1928.

Schemes framed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act in Guntur district.

* 1180 *Q.*—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many schemes have been so far framed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act in the district of Guntur; and

(*b*) how many suits have been filed by archakas, trustees or others interested in the temple endowments in the same district during the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, and with what results?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the administration reports of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board so far published. The Government have no subsequent information.

Provincialization of the clerical establishment of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1181 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mutts and temples exempted by Government under the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act;

(*b*) the amount of contribution that is lost to the Board by such exemptions;

(*c*) the reasons why provident funds have not been started for the clerical staff of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board;

(*d*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by the staff of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in getting their monthly salaries; and

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to consider the question of provincialization of the clerical establishment of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?

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A.—(*a*) Six mutts and 54 temples were exempted from some or all of the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

(*b*) One mutt and 49 temples were exempted from the payment of contribution to the Board. Of these 45 temples are under the management of the Cochin State and information in regard to their income is not available. The annual loss to the Board in respect of the remaining four temples and one mutt is about Rs. 4,600.

(*c*) The question has not been considered, on account of the unsound finances of the Board.

(*d*) No. The payment of salary to the Board's staff has so far been regularly made.

(*e*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Sir, with reference to clause (*c*) may I know when the Government would finish consideration of this question ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The answer is that the question has not been considered."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know when the Government will think of considering the question, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, the question has not been considered on account of the unsound financial condition."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know when the Government will find the financial condition of the Board sound so as to enable them to consider the question ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Apportionment of lands belonging to temples.

*1182 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether Government know of any cases where apportionment of lands has been decided upon as contemplated on page 5 of the Second Administration Report of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and if so, what those cases are and how the apportionment has been made ?

A.—A statement [a] showing the cases where apportionment of temple lands has been decided upon in schemes of administration settled by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in accordance with the policy enunciated by it in paragraph 8 of its Second Administration Report is furnished.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" With reference to the last item in the table given, may I know whether daily worship includes nithyanaivedhya theeparathana ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 420–424 infra.